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Dear ~~Mr. Taylor~~:

Thanks for sending us the invitation to attend the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan meeting in Anchorage, on March 11, 2002.

It would have been nice for more people to attend, but I think that we had a few people who had some great views on the Transportation Plans for the region.

I feel that the road from Ugashik to Wide Bay should be identified as one of the corridors to access the Pacific side, a deep water port. The road if connected to Naknek and further to Williamsport, would not access a deep water port.

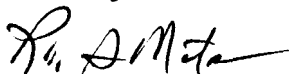
As I stated in the meeting, the road from Ugashik to Wide Bay would be cheaper than from Ugashik to Port Heiden, not having to cross the Dog Salmon River and the King Salmon River with bridges. Also, there would be a lot less environmental concerns with less muskeg areas to go through on the Wide Bay route.

I have talked to the Pilot Point and Egegik Village people and the ones that I have talked to support the Ugashik to Wide Bay Road to provide access to a deep water port.

This road should lead to lower freight rates, compared to what Northland is charging us in Ugashik now. Our rates have almost doubled since they are the only carrier to our village. We have to ship freight to Naknek and from Naknek to Ugashik and it is as expensive to ship from Seattle to Naknek as it is Naknek to Ugashik.

I support the Ugashik to Wide Bay route rather than the Ugashik to Port Heiden route, because the road from Pilot Point is getting close to the Ugashik River and there is a 4 wheeler route from Pilot Point to Egegik that could be made into a road pretty easily. Enclosed is the map of the route from Ugashik to Wide Bay. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Tribal Administrator